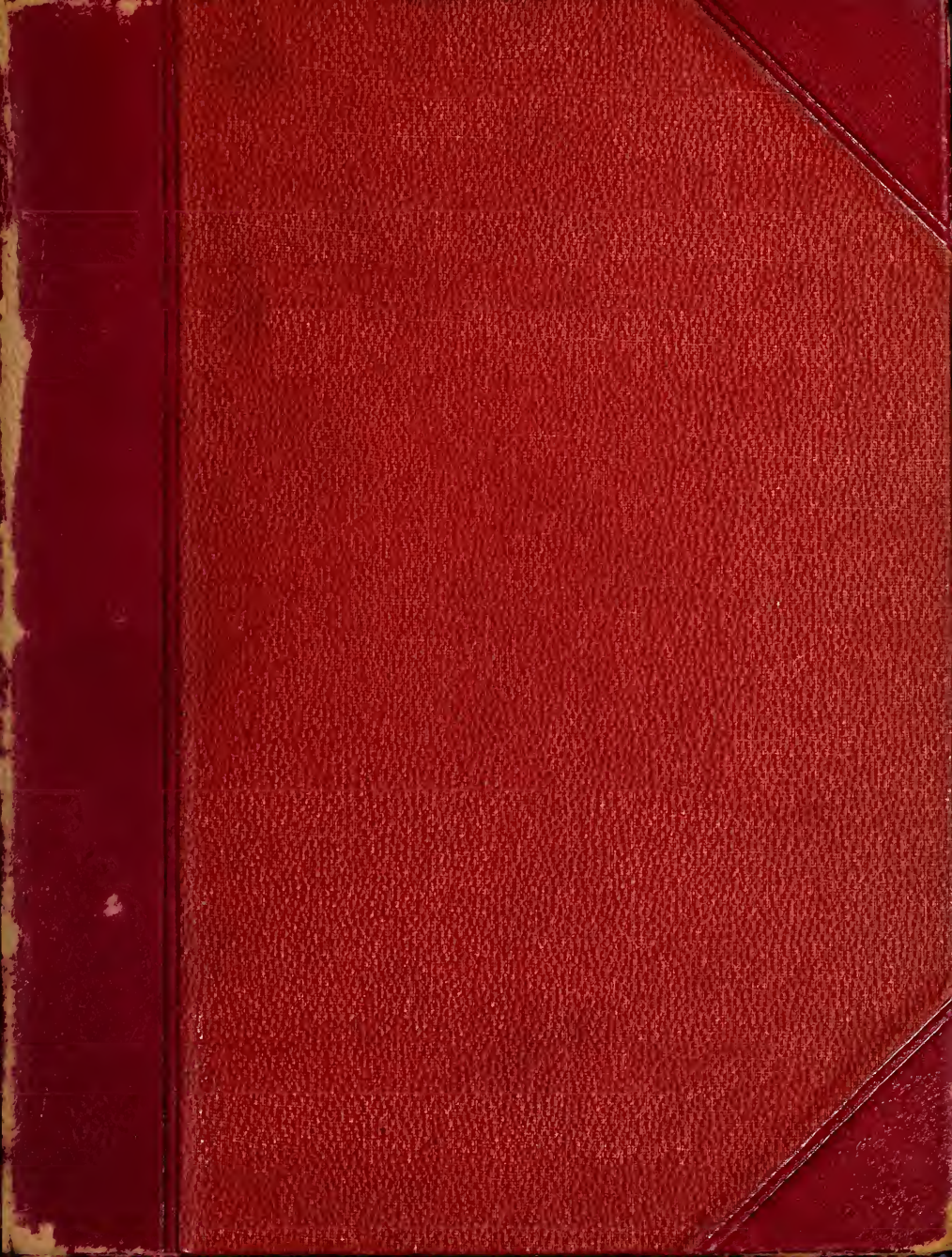


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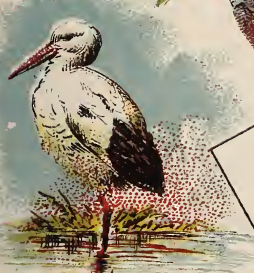


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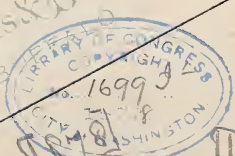
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Far o'er the Sea, in that fair Tuscan City,
Where Art sits regnant in its princely hall,
Where every step we tread is History,
Whose very dust, mute memories recall,
Men gather pebbles from the classic stream,
And with the cunning gained from ages past,
Polish and fashion them in graceful forms
As fair as the sweet models they outlast,
So we, have taken here and there a gem
From the rich mine of God's eternal word,
Placed them in setting of the golden thoughts,
Which love of Him in pious hearts hath stirred,
And offer you Mosaics rich and rare
For this the solemn Sabbath of the year.

M. E. M.





THOU shalt remember all the way
which the Lord thy God led thee
these forty years in the Wilderness, to
humble thee, and to prove thee, to know
what was in thine heart, whether thou
wouldest keep His Commandments, or no.

DEUT. viii, 2.



“Forty days and forty nights
Thou wast fasting in the wild;
Forty days and forty nights
Tempted, and yet undefiled.”



TURN ye even to me, saith the Lord,
with all your heart, and with fasting,
and with weeping and with mourning.

JOEL ii. 12.

I will rise now and seek him whom my
soul loveth.

SONG OF SOLOMON iii. 2.



“Lord, in this Thy mercy’s day,
Ere the time shall pass away,
On our knees we fall and pray.”

SHOULD not a people seek unto their
God?

ISA. viii. 19.

With my whole heart have I sought
Thee; O let me not wander from Thy
Commandments.

PS. cxix. 10.



"Now are the days of humblest prayer,
When consciences to God lie bare,
And mercy most delights to spare."

Oh! hearken when we cry,
Chasten us with Thy fear,
Yet Father! in the multitude
Of Thy compassions, hear!"



WHAT shall I do to inherit eternal
life?

LUKE xviii. 18.

I said, I will confess my transgressions
unto the Lord; and Thou forgavest the
iniquity of my sin.

Ps. xxxii. 5.



“Keep, O keep us, Saviour, dear,
Ever constant by Thy side;
That with Thee we may appear
At th’ Eternal Easter-tide!”

SHOULD not a people seek unto their
God ?

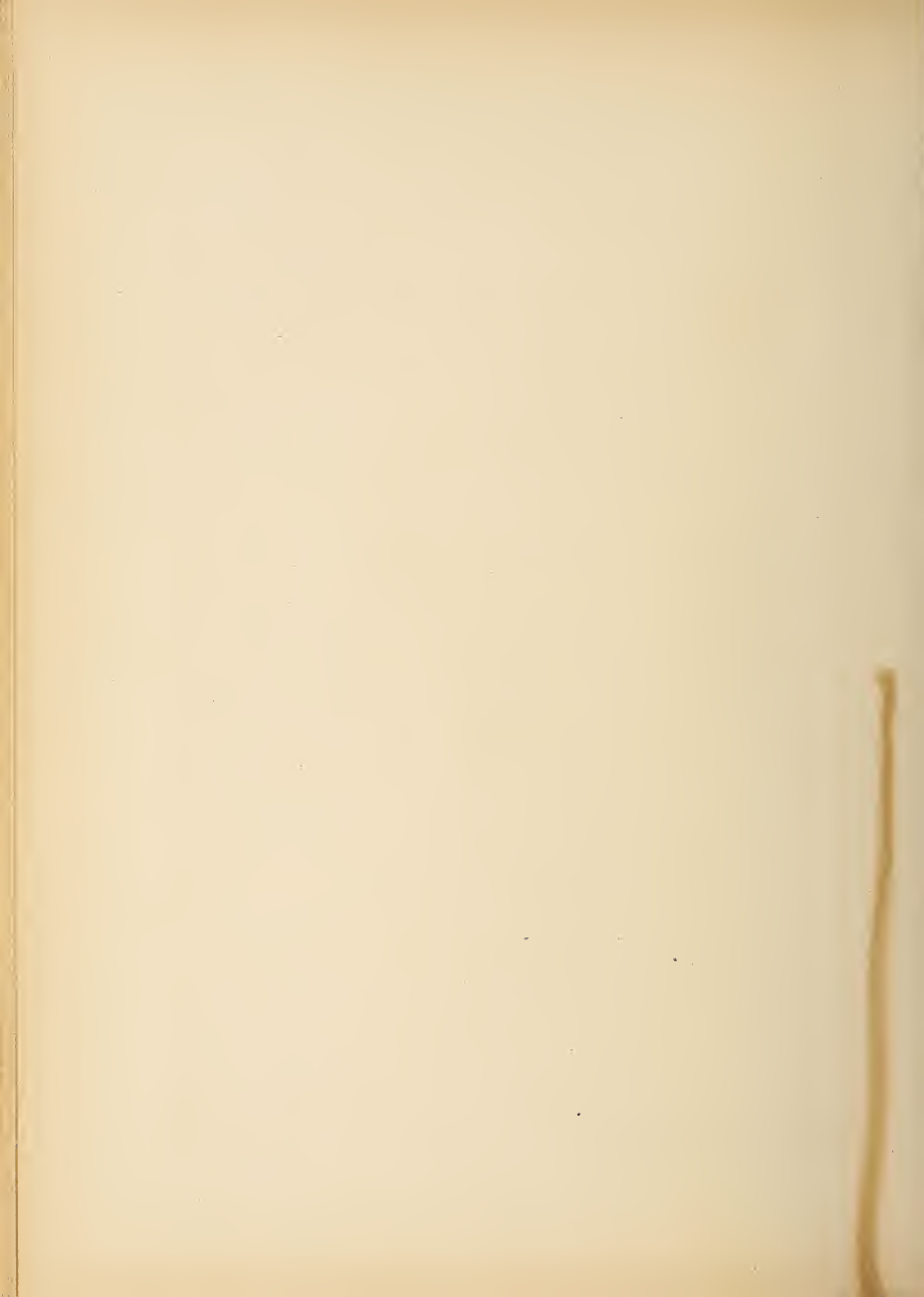
ISA. viii. 19.

Thus saith the Lord, ye shall seek Me,
and find Me, when ye shall search for Me
with all your heart.

JER. xxix. 13.



“Forsake me not, O Lord, my God,
Nor far from me depart;
Make haste to my relief, O Thou
Who my salvation art.”





HO can heal thee ?

SAM. ii. 13.

For He saith, I have heard thee in a time
accepted, and in the day of salvation have
I succoured thee; behold, now is the ac-
cepted time; behold, now is the day of
salvation.

II. COR. vi. 2.



“Do Thou Thy gracious comfort give,
By which alone the soul may live,
And grant Thy servants, Lord! we pray,
The bread of life from day to day!”

BOTH not He see my ways and count
all my steps? JOB. xxxi. 4.

Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask
for the old paths, where is the good way,
and walk therein. JER. vi. 16.



“Lead, kindly Light, amid the encircling gloom,
 Lead thou me on;
The night is dark, and I am far from home,
 Lead thou me on.
Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
The distant scene; one step enough for me.”



WHAT shall I ask?

MARK vi. 24.

That I might rest in the day of trouble.

HAB. iii. 16.

Refrain thy voice from weeping, and
thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall
be rewarded, saith the Lord.

JER. xxxi. 16.



“I know that God gives nothing to
Us for a day;
That what he gives, He never cares
To take away!”

WHAT is thy petition? and it shall
be granted unto thee: and what
is thy request?

ESTHER v. 6.

O Lord, I am oppressed; undertake for
me.

ISA. xxxviii. 14.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He
shall sustain thee.

PS. lv. 22.



“Far out of sight, while sorrows still infold us,
Lies the fair country where our hearts abide,
And of His bliss is naught more wondrous told us,
Than these few words, ‘I shall be satisfied.’”





ORD, how long wilt Thou look on?

PS. xxxv. 17.

Abide with us, for it is toward evening
and the day is far spent.

Until the day break and the shadows
flee away.

SONG OF SOLOMON ii. 17.



“Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes,
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the
skies;

Heaven’s morning breaks and earth’s vain shadows
flee.

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.”





HO shall deliver me from the body
of this death?

ROM. vii. 24.

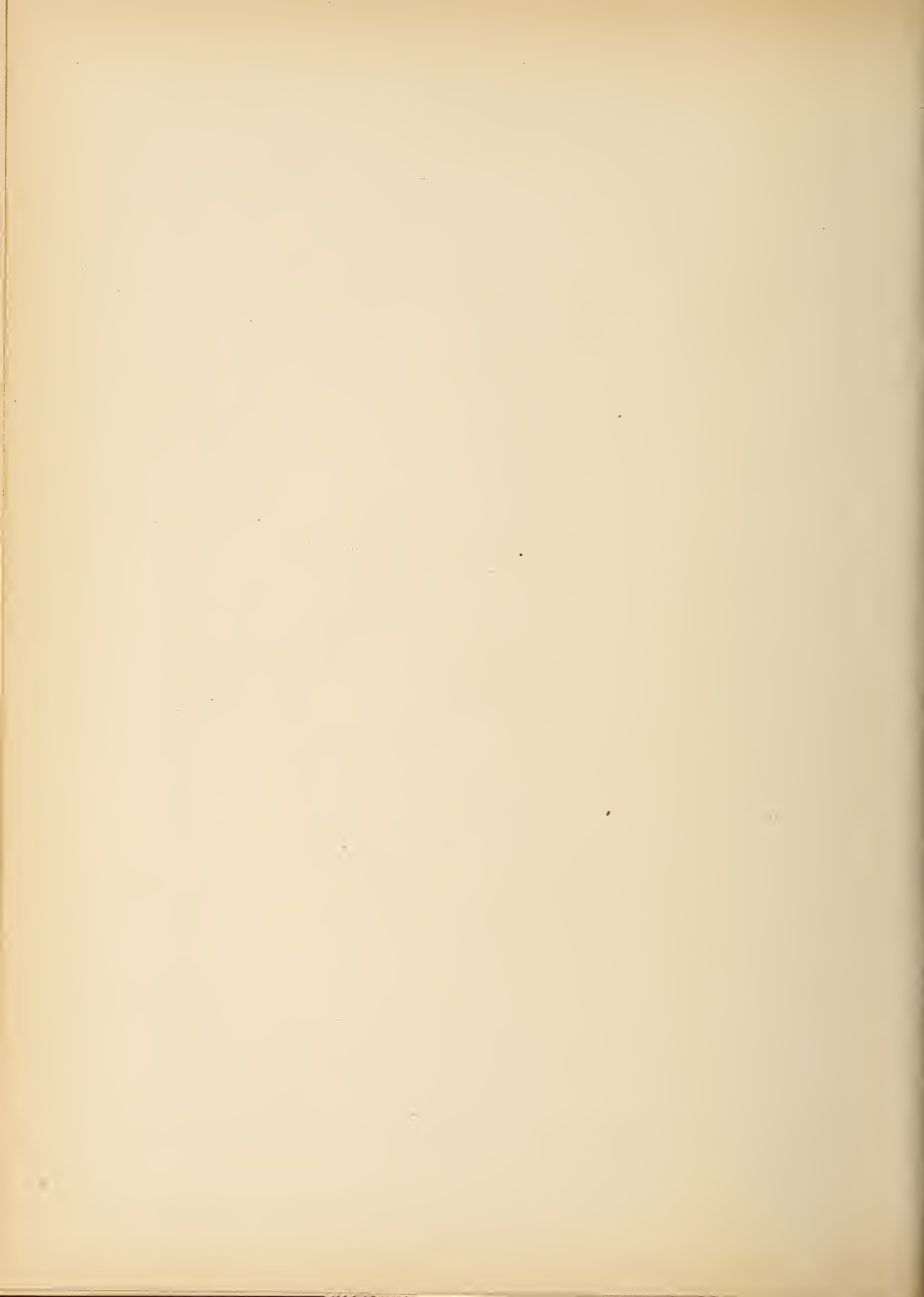
Thou hast delivered my soul from death ;
wilt not Thou deliver my feet from falling,
that I may walk before God in the light of
the living?

Ps. lvi. 13.



“On to the gates of Sion, on !

Break through the foe with fresh endeavour ;
We'll hang our colors up in Heaven,
When peace shall be proclaimed forever.”

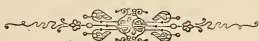


LORD, what wilt Thou have me to
do?

ACTS ix. 6.

My son, give me thine heart.

PROV. xxiii. 26.



“Thus in the shelter of mine arms,
Henceforth rest,
None ever faint with weariness
Upon my breast.
Is not thy cross already shorn
Of half its grief,
Since thou hast but to lean on me
To find relief?”





OW can we know the way ?

JOHN xiv. 15.

Trust in the Lord with all thy heart ; and
lean not unto thine own understanding.

PROV. iii. 5.



“Lead Thou me on ; there is no guide beside Thee,
So sure, unfailing beacon but Thine own,
If Thou art nigh, whatever may betide me,
Will only draw me nearer to the throne.”





HAT must I do to be saved?

ACTS xvi. 30.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust
also in Him; and He shall bring it to
pass.

Ps. xxxvii. 5.



"Oh, by the pains of Thy pure love,
Grant me the gift of holy fear,
And give me of Thy bloody sweat,
To wash my guilty conscience clear."





HO can heal thee?

SAM. ii. 13.

What have I in Heaven but Thee; and
there is none upon Earth that I desire
beside Thee.

Ps. lxxiii. 25.



"In having all things, and not Thee, what have I?
Not having Thee, what have my labors got?
Let me enjoy but Thee, what further care I?
And having Thee alone, what have I not?
I wish nor sea, nor land, nor would I be
Possessed of Heaven, Heaven unpossessed of
Thee."





HO is he that overcometh the
world?

I. JOHN v. 5.

He that believeth that Jesus is the Son
of God.

I. JOHN v. 5.



“Yea, through life, death through sorrow and
through sinning,

He shall suffice me, for He hath sufficed;
Christ is the End, for Christ was the beginning,
Christ the beginning, for the End is Christ.”





HERE is the good way?

JER. vi. 16.

In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He
shall direct thy paths.

PROV. iii. 6.



“Thus while I journey on, my Lord to meet,
My thoughts and meditations are so sweet
Of Him on whom I lean—my strength, my
stay—

I can forget the sorrows of the way.”



WHY art thou cast down, O my
soul? and why art thou disquieted
within me.

Ps. xliii. 2.

The Lord shall give thee rest from thy
sorrow and from thy fear

ISA. xiv. 3.



“Thou knowest, Lord, the weariness and sorrow
Of the sad heart that comes to Thee for rest;
Cares of to-day, and burdens for to-morrow,
Blessings implored, and sins to be confessed;
I come before Thee at Thy gracious word,
And lay them at Thy feet! Thou knowest, Lord.”





N whom dost thou trust?

ISA. xxxvi. 5.


They that know Thy name will put their
trust in Thee; for Thou, Lord, hast not
forsaken them that seek Thee.

Ps. ix. 9, 10.



“He will lay His hand upon me,
And lead me along the way,
Till the burden of care is lightened,
And the sorrow is pass'd away.”



 WAKE thou that sleepest, and
arise from the dead, and Christ
shall give thee light.

EPH. v. 14.

He that is not with me is against me,
and he that gathereth not with me
scattereth.

ST. LUKE xi. 23.



“Christ of all my hopes the ground—

Christ, the spring of all my joy!

Still in Thee let me be found,

Still for Thee my powers employ.”



LOVEST thou me?

JOHN xxi. 17.

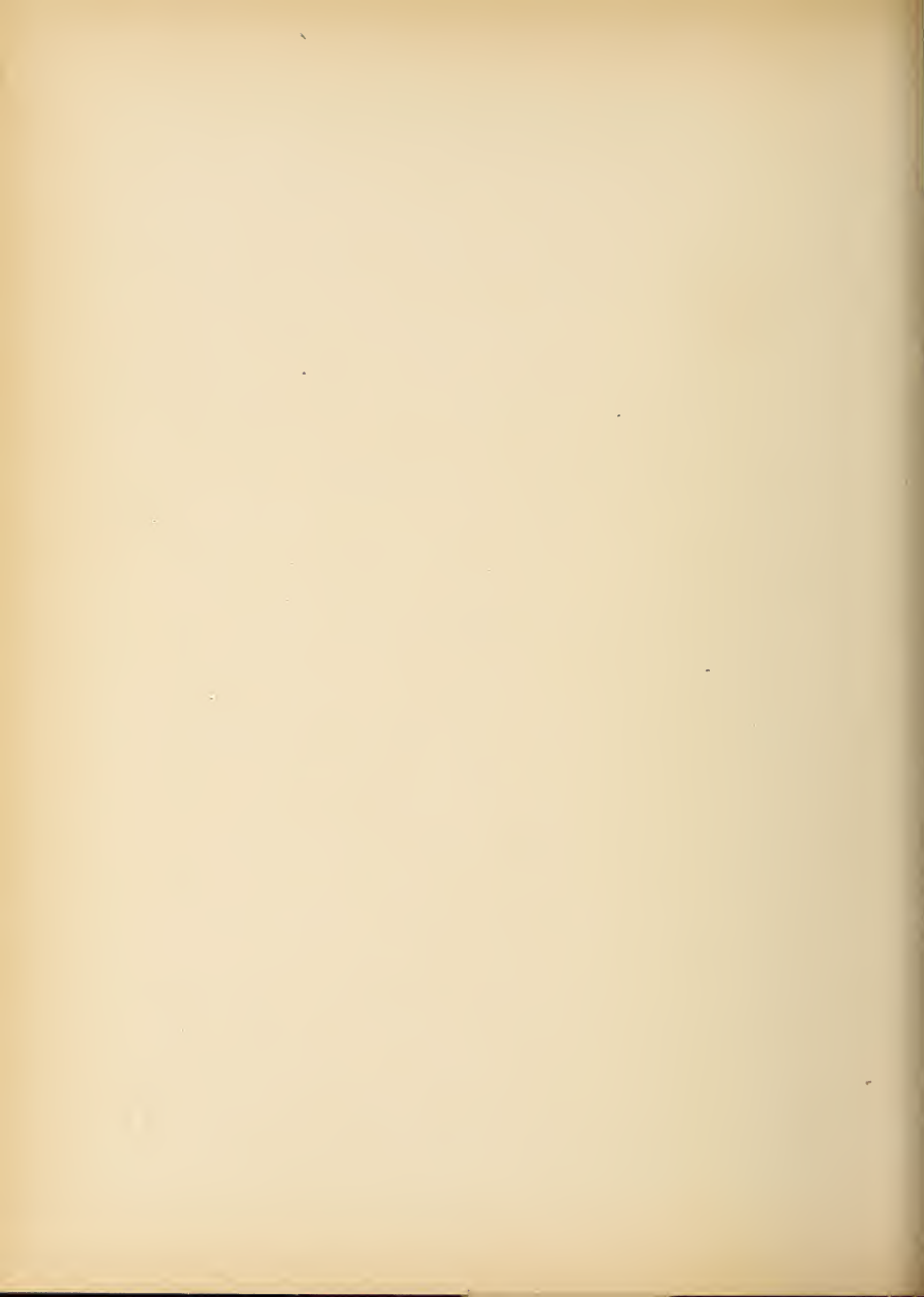
Thou hast made us for Thyself, and the
heart never resteth till it findeth rest in
Thee.

ST. AUGUSTINE.



“On Thee I rest—Thy love and grace
Are my sole rock and resting-place ;
In Thee my thirst and hunger sore,
Lord, let me quench for ever more.

I cast my soul on Thee,
Mighty to save e'en me,
Jesus, Thou Son of God.”



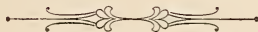


HY go I mourning?

Ps. xliii. 2.

He doth not afflict willingly nor grieve
the children of men.

SAM. iii. 33.



“Thou didst it. Thou whose heart of love
Was wounded first for me;
Who passed through mortal life and bore
Death’s deepest agony.
How can I murmur or complain
When Jesus suffered grief and pain?”





HO knoweth what is good for man
in this life?

ECCLES. vi. 12.

I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem,
not knowing the things that shall befall
me there.

ACTS xx. 22.



“So I go on not knowing,
I would not if I might ;
I would rather walk in the dark with God,
Than go alone in the light ;
I would rather walk with Him by faith,
Than walk alone by sight.”





HAT think ye of Christ ?

MATT. xxii. 42.

Behold the Lamb of God who takest
away the sins of the world.

JOHN i. 29.



“ Cross of Christ, Star of grace,
O'er the high and holy place,
Like the light of Jesu's face
So divine,
For love of what thou art,
My best and chosen part,
I hail thee in my heart,
Blessed sign ! ”





HEREFORE hast Thou dealt thus
with us ?

EX. xiv. 11.

Your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye
have need.

MATT. vi. 32.



“Knoweth the need and careth for the needing,
Although his way is seldom quite our way,
And smiles to see how sadly we are treading,
The path that leads to day.”





EN and brethren, what shall we
do?

ACTS ii. 37.

Pray without ceasing.

I. THESS. v. 17.



“When is the time for prayer?

In *every hour*, while life is spared to thee,
In crowds or solitude, in joy or care,
Thy thoughts should heavenward flee;
At home, at noon and eve, with loved ones there,
Bend thou the knee in prayer!”



E that desire to be under the Law,
do ye not hear the Law?

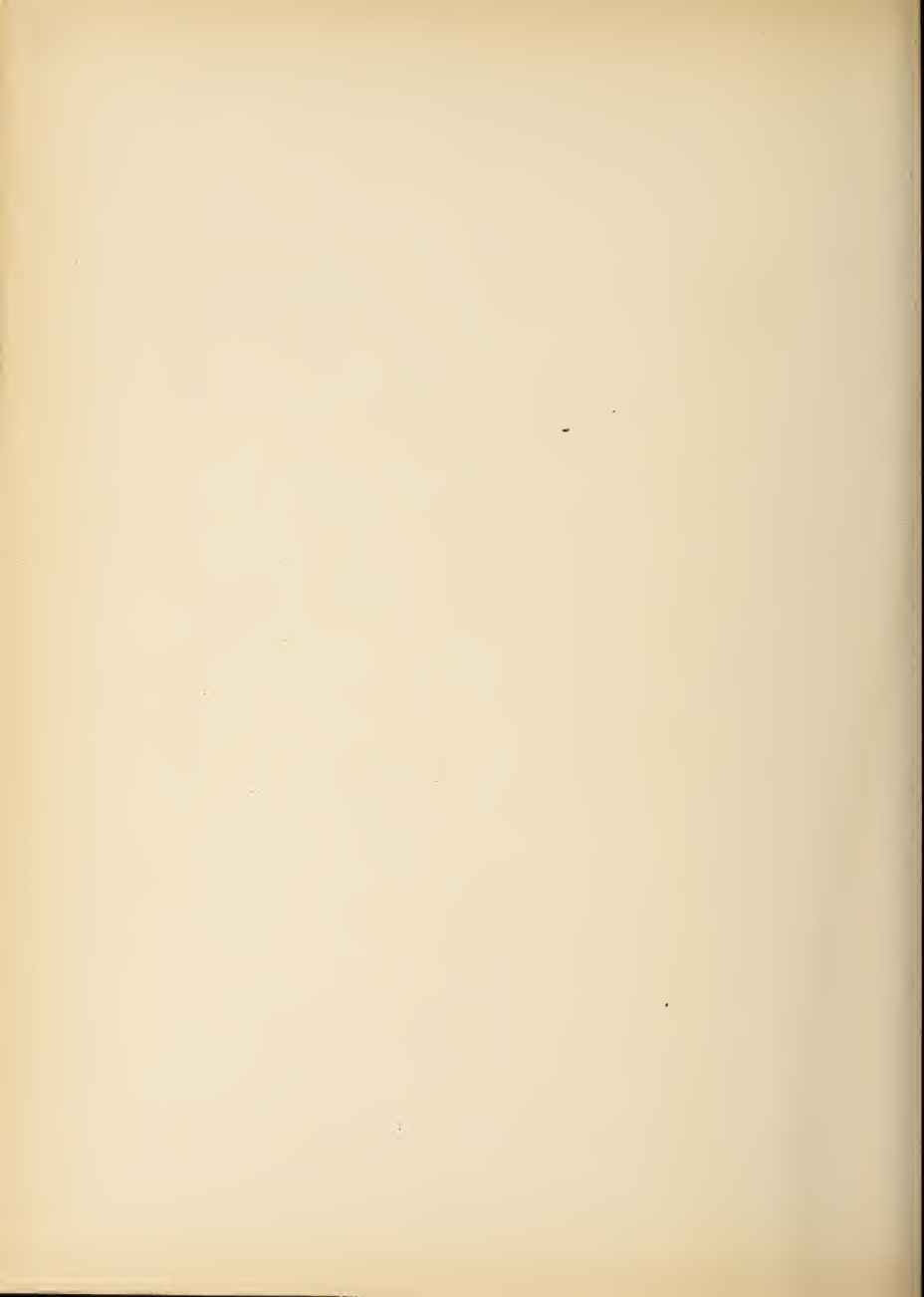
GAL. iv. 21.

Therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

ROM. xiii. 10.



“Bread of the world in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul in mercy shed!
By whom the words of life were spoken
And in whose death our sins are dead!”





HITHER goest thou?

GEN. xxxii. 17.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they
shall see God.

MATT. v. 8.



“The world recedes; it disappears!
Heaven opens on my eyes! My ears
With sounds seraphic ring;
Lend, lend your wings! I mount! I fly!
O, Grave! where is thy victory?
O, Death! where is thy sting?”



WHY do ye not believe in Me?

JOHN viii. 46.

While ye have light, believe in the light,
that ye may be the children of light.

JOHN xii. 36.



“So Christ forbid that I should boast,
Save in his blood-red cross;
And let me for the Crucified
Count other gain but loss.”





W HICH of you convinceth me of
sin?

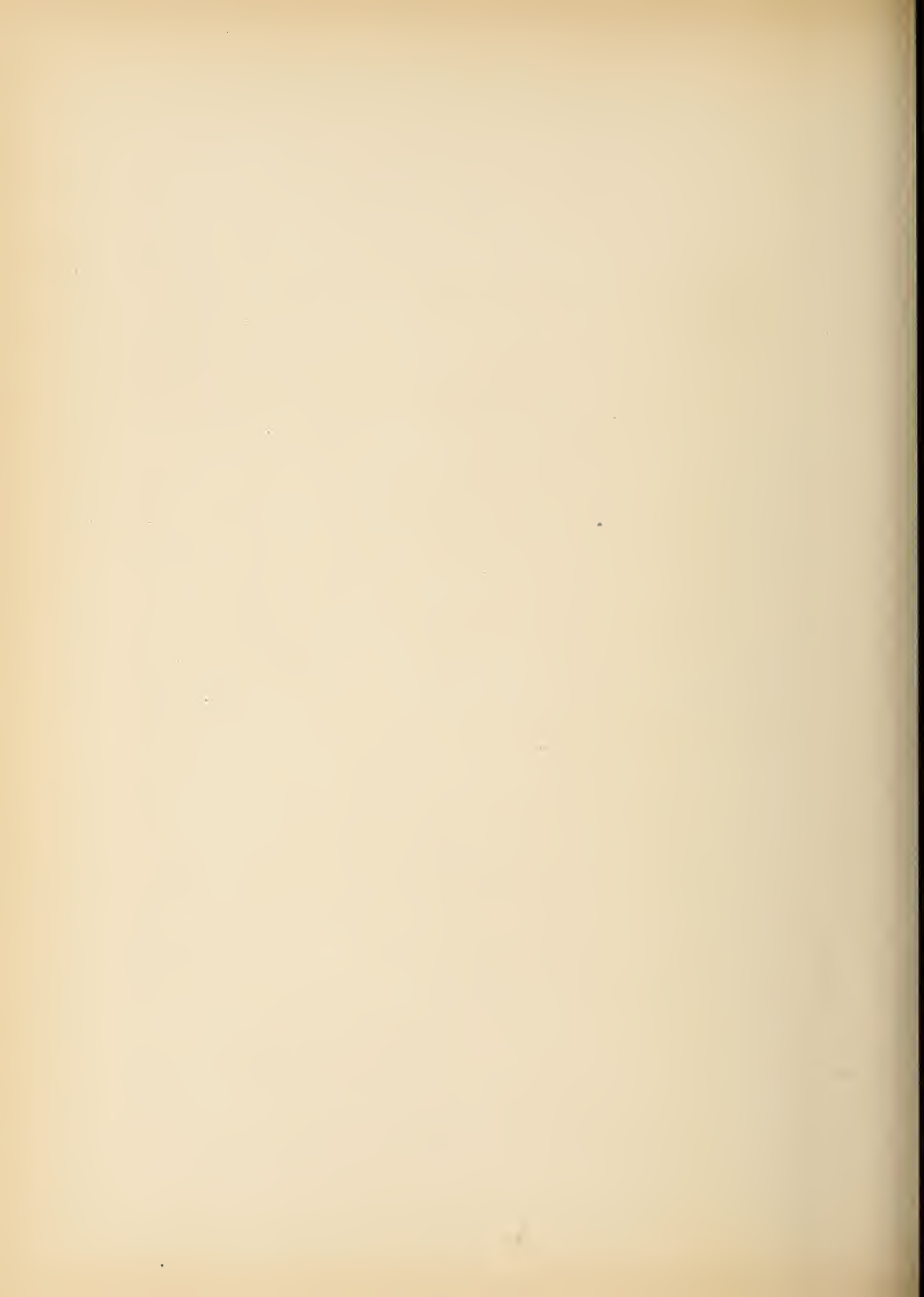
JOHN viii. 46.

Whether he be a sinner or no, I know
not; one thing I know, that, whereas I
was blind, now I see.

JOHN ix. 25.



“ Mine eyes, that now but see in part, and darkly,
And but in part have known,
Shall face to face, yet fearlessly, behold Thee,
O Lamb, upon Thy throne!”



CAN thy heart endure, or can thy
hands be strong in the days that
I shall deal with thee. EZEK. xxii. 14.

I would seek unto God, and unto God
would I commit my cause. JOB v. 8.



“It fortifies my soul to know
That though I perish, Truth is so
That, howsoe’er I stray and range,
Whate’er I do, Thou dost not change.
I steadier step when I recall
That if I slip, Thou dost not fall.”





AVE I been so long time with you,
and yet hast thou not known me?

JOHN xiv. 9.

At that day ye shall know that I am in
my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

JOHN xiv. 20.



“O, make us apt to seek and quick to find,
Thou, God, most kind!
Give us love, hope and faith, in Thee to trust,
Thou, God, most just!
Remit all our offences, we entreat,
Most good, most great!
Grant that our willing, though unworthy guest,
May, through Thy grace, admit us 'mongst the
blest.”





WHAT shall a man give in exchange
for his soul?

MARK viii. 37.

The Lord your God proveth you, to
know whether ye love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul.

DEUT. xiii. 3.



"Ill that He blesses is our good,
And unblest good is ill;
And all is right that seems most wrong,
If it be His sweet Will!"



WHO will lead me?

Ps. lx. 9.

Draw nigh to God, and He will draw
nigh to you.

JAMES iv. 8.



“I may not know; my God no hand revealeth
Thy counsels wise;
Along the path a deepening shadow stealeth,
No voice replies
To all my questioning thought the time to tell;
And it is well.”



THE Lord is the strength of my life,
of whom shall I be afraid?

Ps. xxvii. 1.

To be spiritually minded is life and
peace.

ROM. viii. 6.



"I see not a step before me
As I tread on another year,
But the past is still in God's keeping,
The future His mercy shall clear,
And what looks dark in the distance
May brighten as I draw near."





HERE dwellest thou?

JOHN i. 38.

For our conversation is in Heaven.

PHIL. iii. 20.



“O Paradise! O Paradise!

Who doth not crave for rest?

Who would not seek the happy land,

Where they that loved are blest;

Where loyal hearts and true,

Stand ever in the light,

All rapture through and through,

In God's most holy sight?”



COMEST thou to me?

MATT. iii. 14.

Behold angels came and ministered unto
Him.

MATT. iv. 11.



“Far, far away, like bells at evening pealing,
The voice of Jesus sounds o’er land and sea;
And laden souls by thousands meekly stealing,
Kind Shepherd! turn their weary steps to
Thee.

Angels of Jesus,
Angels of light,
Singing to welcome
The pilgrims of the night!”





HY do ye not believe me?

JOHN viii. 46.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.

JOHN iii. 36.



“Forever with the Lord;”
Father, if 'tis Thy will,
The promise of that faithful word
Unto Thy child fulfill.”





HEREFORE have we afflicted our
soul, and Thou takest no knowl-
edge?

ISA. lviii. 3.

Behold the Lord's hand is not shortened
that it cannot save?

ISA. lix. 1.



"It is to fast from strife,
From old debate
And hate,
To circumcise thy life.
To show a heart grief-rent,
To starve thy sin,
Not bin,
And that's to keep thy Lent."





HAT shall I do for you?

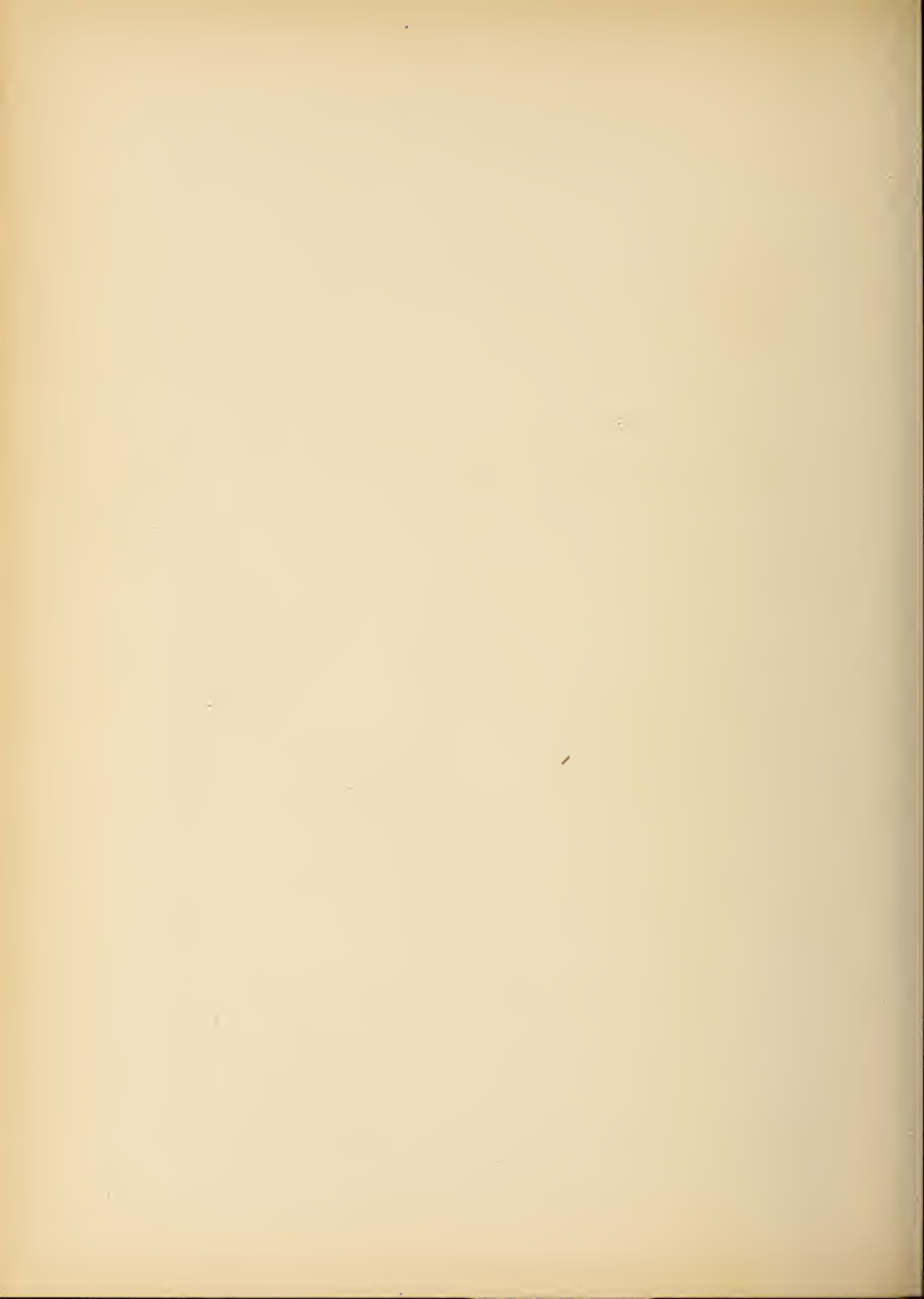
II. SAM. xxi. 3.

The Lord shall be thy confidence, and
shall keep thy foot from being taken.

PROV. iii. 26.



"Cease not wet eyes
His mercies to entreat;
In your deep floods
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let his eye
See sin, but through my tears."



THE day of the Lord! to what end
is it for you ?

AMOS v. 18.

Though your sins be as scarlet, they
shall be as white as snow.

ISA. i. 18.



“Worn and weary, Thou hast sought me
By Thy cross and passion bought me—
Spare the hope Thy labors brought me!

Righteous Judge of retribution,
Give, O give me absolution,
Ere the day of dissolution!”





COULDEST not thou watch one hour?

MARK xiv. 37.

The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is
weak.

MARK xiv. 38.



"Could ye not watch one hour?

Be ready; or the bridal train
And Bridegroom with His dower,
May sweep along in vain.

Miserere mei!"



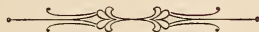


HO is among you that feareth the
Lord?

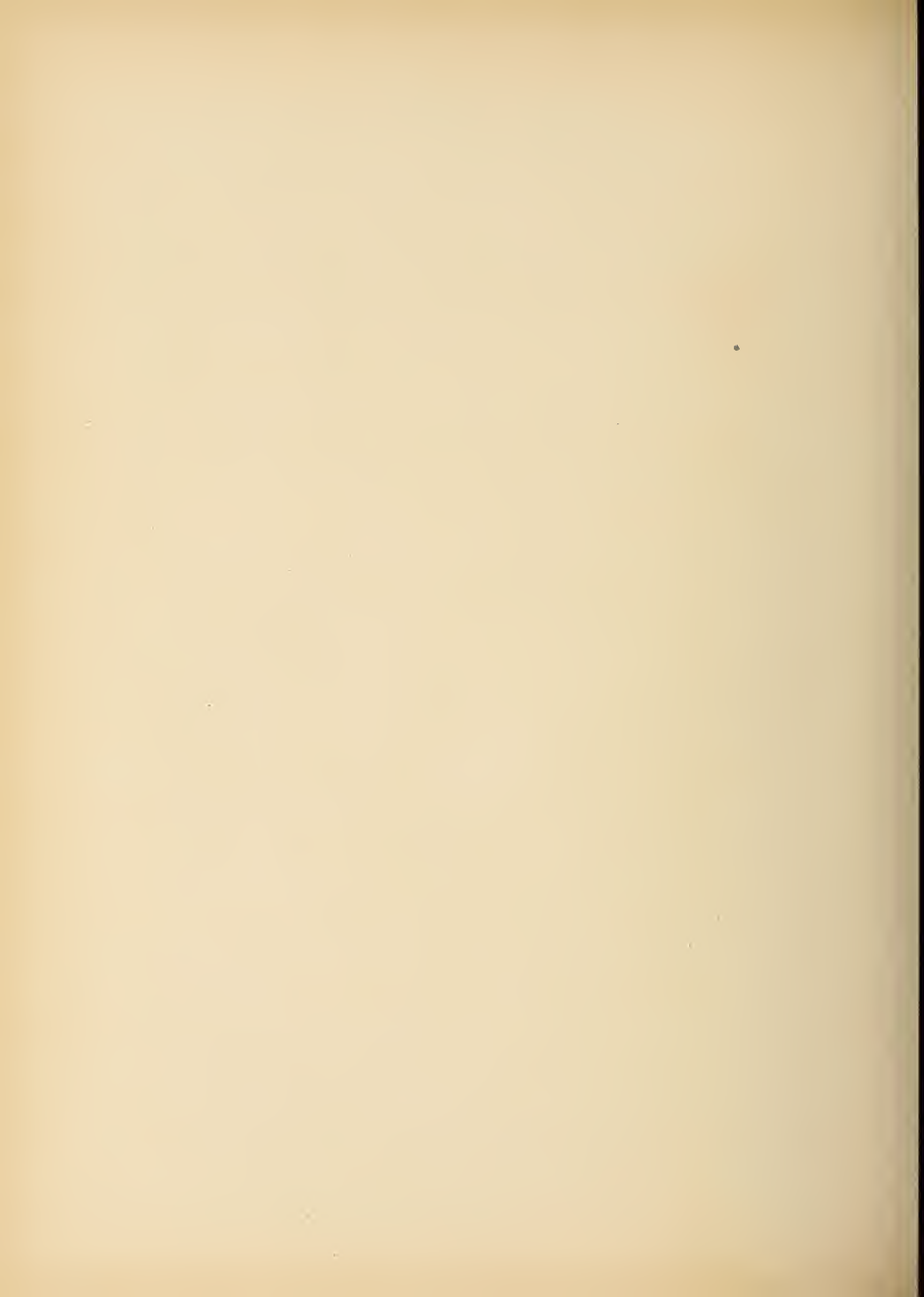
ISA. I. IO.

Let him trust in the name of the Lord
and stay upon his God.

ISA. I. IO.



“Jesus who meekly silent stood
Before the accusing multitude,
Do Thou my tongue control,
Set on my busy lips Thy seal;
Ascetic silence oft can heal
The sickness of the soul.”





HAT need we any further witness ?

ST. LUKE xxii. 71.

So Christ was once offered to bear the
sins of many.

HEB. ix. 28.



“Jesus! when Peter Thee denied,
Thou with one gentle look didst chide
The weak disciple’s fears ;
If ever I deny Thy name,
Thy Cross, oh send me speedy shame,
Oh give me Peter’s tears.”





HY what evil hath He done?

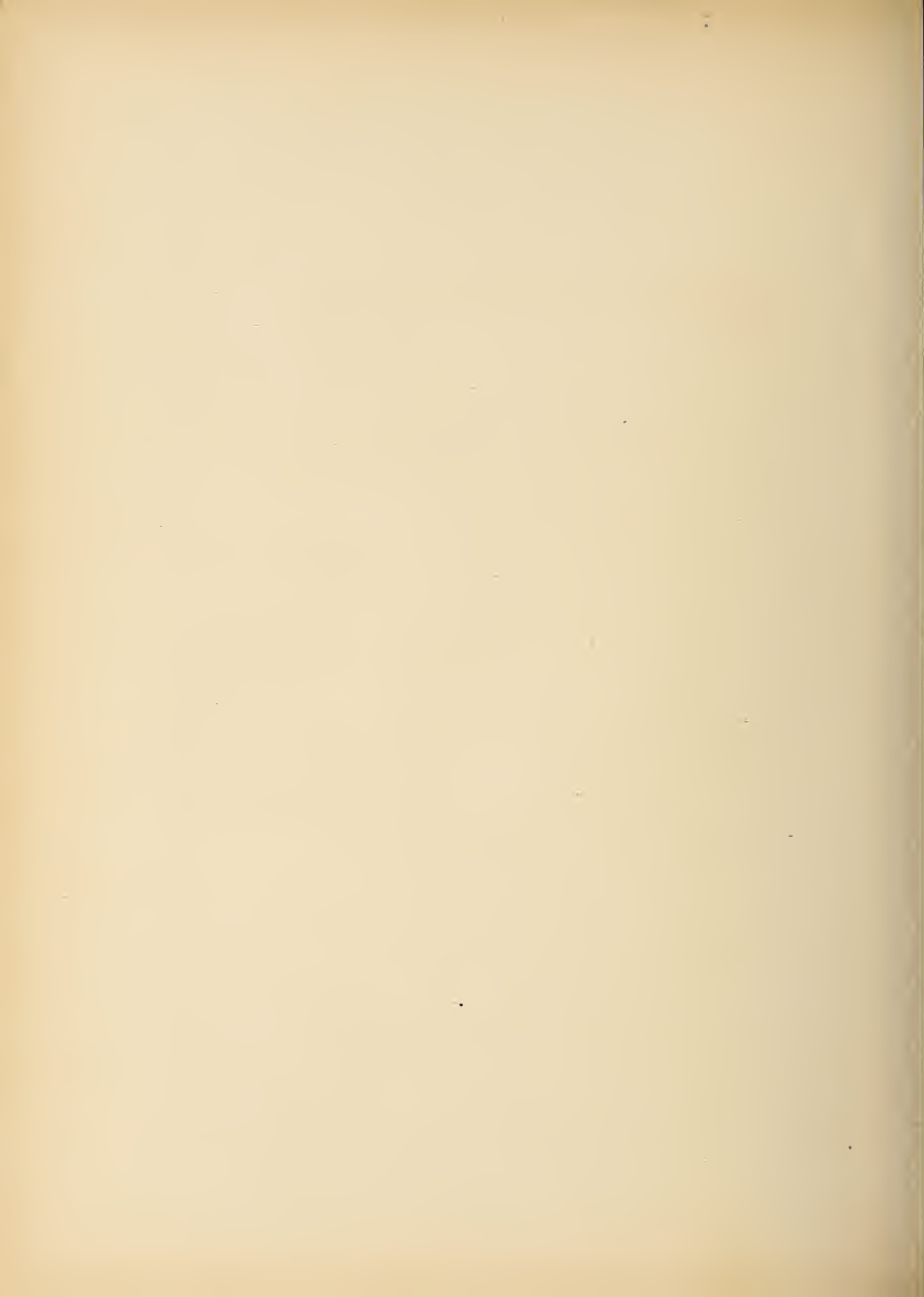
ST. LUKE xxiii. 22.

Then said Jesus, Father forgive them:
for they know not what they do.

ST. LUKE xxiii. 34.



“The Lord of love on Calvary
A meek and suffering stranger,
Upraised to Heaven his languid eye
In nature’s hour of danger.
For us He bore the weight of woe,
For us He gave His blood to flow,
And met his Father’s anger.”



SHALL I crucify your king?

ST. JOHN xix. 15.

This man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God.

HEB. x. 12.



“Jesus! Thy passion at an end
Thou didst Thy blameless soul commend
Unto Thy Father’s care;
When my last hour is come, may I
Hasten with meek alacrity
To do Thy will elsewhere.”



IT is better, if the will of God be so,
that ye suffer for well doing, than for
evil doing.

I. PETER iii. 17.



“I would not live alway ; no, welcome the tomb ;
Since Jesus hath lain there I dread not its gloom ;
There sweet be my rest till He bid me arise
To hail Him in triumph descending the skies.”



Easter Day.

CHRIST being raised from the dead,
dieth no more. ROM. vi. 9.

For since by man came death, by man
came also the resurrection of the dead.

I. COR. xv. 21.



Let dying saints the watch-word take
To light their way through the dark vale,
Which once the soldiers of the Cross
Right bravely bore on coat of mail;
Then swell the chorus, earth and sea!
Repeat, ye hills, its glad refrain!
"Christ has arisen;" man is free!
While Heaven sends back the welcome strain.

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